

## Diocesan conference



Top left – Our registrar helped with creche!

Bishop Mark with keynote speaker Mark Smith

Bottom left – Some of the 170 or so people present

## Retreat for clergy and lay workers – give thanks!



Top left – Fiona Simpkin on self and family care

Our retreat leader – the Rev'd Pete Stedman

Bottom left discussion of a case study with Fiona



## General News

**Ordination candidates** – we currently have one candidate for ordination as deacon – praise God. The ordination panel is also soon to meet with three of our present deacons to discern God's call re ordination as priest. Please pray for all concerned. An ordination service is slated for Sat 11am on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at the Cathedral.

**Diocesan camp** – Block off 11-13 August! The Rev'd Ian Powell is a remarkable and gifted Bible teacher. Topic: Jonah! Loads of family fun at Ridgecrest!

**Part time youth minister for Rylstone-Kandos** – Praise God for Levi Kowalczyk who has begun one day a week!

**Behaving in a godly manner** – *Faithfulness in Service* is our code of conduct, and is [recommended reading for all](#).

**Bishop-in-Council** has filled the following casual vacancies:

**BiC:** the Rev'd James Daymond and Glenn Murray

**APT:** the Rev'd Ben Mackay

**General Synod:** Ben Mackay  
**Parish appointments board:** Archdeacon Jono Williams from reserve list to the board, and the Rev'd Andrew Thornhill elected as a reserve

**Bishop's election board:** the Rev'd Wally Cox joins from the reserve list, and the Rev'ds Ben Mackay and Sally Phelps elected as clergy reserves. Joy Ritchie and Mark Galbraith were elected as lay members and Lisa Milton, Glenn Murray and Roger Whale as reserves.

**Provincial synod** – the Rev'd Andrew Thornhill

**Prov synod tribunal** – the Rev'd Bob Cameron

**Profession standards committee** – Glenn Murray

**New sign for Cobar church** – pictured left. How's your sign looking? Some are old and tired. Perhaps your PC would consider updating.

## Bishop writes

Dear friends,

Two great events have marked this past month: the diocesan conference in Dubbo with around 180 registered and our clergy and lay worker retreat where nearly all our stipendiary clergy attended, together with other clergy and lay ministers. These two occasions were full of encouragement and inspiration and I'm so thankful to all who participated. You can see the keynote address from the conference [HERE](#) and email [Andrew Thornhill](#), our MDO, if you'd like to see the seminar handouts.

I trust you had a great celebration of the amazing gift of God's Holy Spirit! To consider that each believer is indwelt by God's own Spirit is staggering and wonderful. He first opened our eyes to see who Jesus is, then softened our hearts that we might repent and believe the good news and now continually both equips us to serve the Lord and transforms us into Jesus' likeness! Praise God! – and do not quench the Spirit's work in your life!

Finally, you may be aware that in the worldwide Anglican communion, there continues to be unrest and disagreement around human sexuality and marriage. A recent General Synod meeting of the Church of England and a conference in Rwanda have heightened tensions. It is important to understand that Bathurst is one of 23 largely independent dioceses in Australia. And while the Anglican Church of Australia is in fellowship with other Anglican churches, we do not take direction from any other church. So while significant, these matters do not directly impact us, nor should they distract us from **SHARING JESUS FOR LIFE**.

Mark

**The Rt Rev'd Mark Calder**  
Bishop of Bathurst

# Bishop's video sermons

## TERM 2 SERIES – ACTS: SAVED BY GRACE (cont'd)

<b>JUNE 04</b>	Proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is Messiah ( <i>Trinity</i> )	Acts 18
<b>11</b>	(Long weekend) Paul in Ephesus	Acts 19
<b>18</b>	Farewell to Ephesian Leaders	Acts 20
<b>25</b>	Gospel and Courage	Acts 22:1-29
<b>JULY 02</b>	(NSW hols) Hope and Trial	Acts 26
<b>09</b>	The Lord in the Storm	Acts 27
<b>16</b>	To the Ends of the Earth	Acts 28

## TERM 3 SERIES – ALL ABOUT JESUS – EXPLORING THE OLD TESTAMENT

<b>JULY 23</b>	Genesis – in the beginning
<b>30</b>	Exodus – the God who redeems
<b>AUG 06</b>	Leviticus – Deuteronomy – response to grace
<b>13</b>	Joshua – Judges – disaster in the promised land
<b>20</b>	Kingship to exile – rejection – of God and from God
<b>27</b>	Where is hope? Disappointment in the promised land
<b>SEPT 03</b>	The Psalms – God's hymn book
<b>10</b>	Wisdom for living
<b>17</b>	Weird and wonderful (The apocalyptic literature)

## Please Pray

**Give thanks for the diocesan conference and retreat for clergy and lay workers** – for the ministry of Canon Mark Smith and the Rev'd Pete Stedman; for the opportunity for deepening fellowship, and for the Lord lifting our eyes to the church we'd love to become and the ministers we'd love to be!

**Pray for our SRE teachers** – sharing Jesus for life in our schools. Pray for love and clarity.

**Pray for the Bush Church Aid Society** – giving thanks to God for their support in Cobar, Cowra, the Cathedral and West Wyalong.

**Parishes without clergy** – Cudgegong Valley, Kelso, Narromine, Gilgandra, Coolah-Dunedoo, Condobolin, Trundle, Coonamble, Warren, Bourke-Brewarrina, Cumnock and Nyngan.

**Henry Lawson festival** – pray for the events being planned by Grenfell parish to share Jesus for life during the festival - June long weekend.

**Winterfest in Bathurst** – pray for the events being planned by the Cathedral parish to share Jesus for life during Winterfest – 1-16 July.

**Pray for the Bishop's upcoming Sunday ministry:**

**June 11** – free/available

**June 18** – Kelso

**June 25** – Bourke

**July 2 and 9** – on holidays

**July 15-16** – West Bogan, Marra Creek, Quambone, Carinda

**July 23** - free/available in the morning, O'Connell at 5pm

**Aug 6** – baptism, Cathedral

**Aug 13** – Diocesan camp

**Aug 20** – Speaking at camp for Seaforth parish

**Aug 27** – St Andrew's Roseville

**Sept** – all Sundays free except 17<sup>th</sup> (following synod on 16<sup>th</sup>)

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## Cathedral Services

### Saturday vigil

5pm (6pm during daylight saving)

### Sunday

8.30am Traditional  
10am Contemporary  
Also 8.30am Mon, Wed, Thu; 10am Fri

## Supporting our clergy

We would love your support for Phil Howes, Bec Choi, Tim Smith, Jonny Lush and Jono Williams. Please indicate in the reference, who you wish to support.

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